(e) what is the estimate of the shortage of 2 and 3 star hotel rooms in the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is an urgent need for upgrading ITDC properties for which large investments are necessary. Since there is a constraint on resources, Government is considering the possibility of raising these resources from the market and by inviting equity participation. No final decision on the subject has yet been taken.

(c) and (d) The need of making available hotel accommodation for the middle class tourists is fully recognised by the Government. As a measure to encourage construction of 1, 2 and 3 star category of hotels, 3 per cent interest subsidy is being given to such approved hotel projects on the entire amount of loan obtained from financial institution. The Central Government also gives financial assistance to State Governments for setting up of Yatri Niwases which provides cheap accommodation for the tourists.

(e) Though shortage of 2 and 3 star hotel rooms is felt at prominent tourist centres and big cities, no precise estimates on the shortage can be given.

Short supply of coal to cements factories in Tamil Nadu

280. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hardships being faced by the cement factories in Tamil Nadu owing to acute short supply of coal/lignite;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to fully exploit the lignite available at Jayankondam in Tiruchir district of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether Government propose to make some arrangement for interim supply of lignite/coal for these cement industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is some shortfall in supply of coal to the cement plants in Tamil Nadu. However, Government have taken steps to provide alternate sources of supply of coal to these cement plants. Coal is being allotted to some of the cement plants in Tamil Nadu from Bengal-Bihar Coalfields for movement by rail-cum-sea route. Every effort is being made to increase movement of coal from WCL. The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NCL), Neyveli had supplied about, 4 Lakh tonnes of Lignite cement plants in Tamil Nadu during 1990-91 and during the period April-October, 1991 about 3.03 lakh tonnes of lignite has already been supplied to them. In 1991-92, 0.6 million tonnes of lignite is programmed to be supplied to cement industry. As per information given by Neyveli Lignite Corporation, they have no immediate proposal to exploit the lignite available at Jayakondam in Trichy District in Tamil Nadu.

Modernisation of Madras International Airport

821. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any scheme to modernise the Madras International Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following schemes are in progress:—

(i) strengthening and extension of Main Runway and Parallel Texitrack.

(ii) construction of Additional Aircraft Parking Bays.

(iii) Expansion of existing cargo appron, Building areas and cargo handling areas.

Decisions taken at CHOGM Meeting

282. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of subjects discussed at the CHOGM meeting at Harare, recenly;

(b) the part played by the Indian Delegation in that meeting; and

(c) what decisions were taken at that meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was held at Harare from October 16-22, 1991. It adopted the Harare Declaration which identifies the priorities of the Commonwealth in the 1990s and beyond. Apart from reaffirming the traditional emphasis on such issues as the struggle against apartheid and co-operation for development, the declaration stresses the importance of democratic institutions, human rights and the rule of Law. In South Africa, the CHOGM endorsed the recommendations of the New Delhi meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa for a "programme management" and phased easing of sanctions. A wide range of international issues and Commonwealth matters were also discussed.

The Indian delegation led by PM and which also included the Minister for External Affairs, played an active and constructive part. As a lead Speaker on global review (political) PM put across the perspective of the developing world on the issues and challenge facing the world today. The Indian delegation made a significant contribution to securing a balanced declaration, fully reflecting the priorities we attach to the issues on the agenda of the Commonwealth.

Flights operating between Goa and Bombay

283. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of consistent demands from Goa to have at least two Indian Airlines flights a day, one operating in the morning and the other in the evening to help the business community of Goa and Bombay; and

(b) if so, by when these flights will be reintroduced and for how long these will continue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the existing morning and evening flights on Bombay-Goa-Bombay route, the following services are proposed to be introduced by the Indian Airlines between Bombay and Goa with effect from 1st December, 1991:

Bombay-Goa	Departure	Days of Operation
Airbus A-320	0710 hours	Daily
Airbus A-320	1510 hours	Daily
Goa-Bombay		
Airbus A-320	0900 hours	Daily
Airbus A-320	1700 hours	Daily